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Applicant : Haoping Yu et al.
Filed : May 31, 2000
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AND METHOD
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Examiner : B. Yenke

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the FINAL Official Action dated December 5, 2003, and the Advisory Action dated March 16, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks along with a Request for Continued Examination filed on even date herewith. A petition for a two-month extension of the term for response to the Official Action, to and including May 5, 2004, is also transmitted herewith.

Listing and Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.